

What is claimed is;

1. A camera system comprising:

a camera body;

a lens barrel having a photographing optical system,

5 which can be mounted at the camera body;

a shutter release switch disposed at the camera body
and operated to start a shutter release operation; and

a first operating switch related to an operation of the
camera system other than the shutter release operation,

10 wherein:

the first operating switch is disposed at the lens barrel
so as to allow an operator to perform a batch operation of
the shutter release switch and the first operating switch with
the lens barrel mounted at the camera body.

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2. A camera system according to claim 1, having at least:

a) an autofocus function for achieving a focus state
in the photographing optical system, b) a go-home function
for storing in memory a focus position of the photographing
20 optical system corresponding to a predetermined photographing
distance as a target focus position and adjusting the
photographing optical system to the target focus position and
c) a vibration correction function for correcting an image
blur, wherein:

25 the first operating switch is used to issue an

operational instruction for one of; a) the autofocus function,
b) the go-home function and c) the vibration correction
function in the camera system.

5 3. A camera system according to claim 1, wherein:

the lens barrel further comprises a focus ring with which
the focus-match state is manually achieved in the photographing
optical system and at least one second operating switch
disposed along the focus ring;

10 the first operating switch is disposed so as to allow
the operator to operate the first operating switch with his
hand with which the shutter release switch is operated; and

the second operating switch is disposed so as to allow
the operator to operate the second operating switch with his
15 hand with which the focus ring is operated.

4. A camera system according to claim 2, wherein:

the lens barrel further comprises a focus ring with which
the focus state is achieved in the photographing optical system
20 and at least one second operating switch disposed along the
focus ring;

the first operating switch is disposed so as to allow
the operator to operate the first operating switch with his
hand with which the shutter release switch is operated; and

25 the second operating switch is disposed so as to allow

the operator to operate the second operating switch with his hand with which the focus ring is operated.

5. A camera system according to claim 4, wherein:

5 the second operating switch is used to issue an operational instruction for one of; a) the autofocus function, b) the go-home function and c) the vibration correction function in the camera system.

10 6. A lens barrel that can be mounted at a camera body comprising:

a photographing optical system; and

a first operating switch with which an operational instruction for the photographing optical system is issued,

15 wherein:

the first operating switch is disposed so as to allow an operator to perform a batch operation of a shutter release switch at the camera body and the first operating switch with the lens barrel mounted at the camera body.

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7. A lens barrel according to claim 6, wherein:

the first operating switch is used to issue an operational instruction for at least one of; a) an autofocus function for achieving a focus state in the photographing
25 optical system, b) a go-home function for storing in memory

a focus position of the photographing optical system corresponding to a predetermined photographing distance as a target focus position and adjusting the photographing optical system to the target focus position and c) a vibration
5 correction function for correcting an image blur by moving at least one lens constituting part of the photographing optical system along a direction intersecting an optical axis of the photographing optical system.

10 8. A lens barrel according to claim 6, further comprising:
a focus ring with which the focus state is manually achieved in the photographing optical system; and
at least one second operating switch disposed along the focus ring.

15 9. A lens barrel according to claim 7, further comprising:
a focus ring with which the focus state is manually achieved in the photographing optical system; and
at least one second operating switch disposed along the
20 focus ring.

10. A lens barrel according to claim 9, wherein:
the second operating switch is used to issue an operational instruction for at least one of; a) the autofocus
25 function, b) the go-home function and c) the vibration

correction function.